

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

METHOD OF SEQUENTLY DISPLAYING ADVERTISEMENT ON A

TELEVISION SCREEN AND A DIGITAL BROADCASTING SET-TOP

BOX FOR PERFORMING THE SAME

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Name: Chris Stordahl

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the

following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

- 6. (Amended) A advertising method by using a digital broadcasting set-top box, comprising
- 1) providing a digital broadcasting set-top box according to claim 1 in which contents of an advertisement ordered by an advertiser who paid an advertising rate is stored to a viewer by a broadcasting company, the digital broadcasting set-top box being produced by order from the broadcasting company, and the digital broadcasting set-top box including the contents of the advertisement; and
- 2) sequently displaying the advertisement of the advertiser on a television screen of the viewer in which the digital broadcasting set-top box is installed.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claim 6.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 336.4722.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 6. A advertising method by using a digital broadcasting set-top box, comprising
- 1) providing a digital broadcasting set-top box according to [claims 1 or 2] <u>claim 1</u> in which contents of an advertisement ordered by an advertiser who paid an advertising rate is stored to a viewer by a broadcasting company, the digital broadcasting set-top box being produced by order from the broadcasting company, and the digital broadcasting set-top box including the contents of the advertisement; and
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COMMUNICATION REGARDING PRIORITY CLAIM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of foreign

priority as follows:

Application No.

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10-2000-66848

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Republic of Korea

The priority document(s) will be furnished at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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